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## Church News

### VIRGINIA.

**Richmond:** At the First Church Rev. C. M. Chumby, of Dublin, Ga., preached last Sunday. Rev. Dr. H. T. Graham, President of Hampden-Sidney College preached at the Second church, and Rev. J. A. Christian, of Georgia, preached at the Grace Covenant church. Rev. Dr. Edward Mack of Union Seminary preached in Charlotte, N. C., and Rev. Dr. E. C. Caldwell, also of the Seminary preached in Baltimore, Md.

**Milford:** Rev. John G. Herndon, of La Grange, Ga., preached in this church last Sunday. Mr. R. W. Miles, Jr., a student, who has been supplying the pulpit, has entered army Y. M. C. A. work.

**Roanoke Presbytery** will meet in Cascade church August 28th. Brethren coming by way of Danville are asked to take trains arriving in the city in time for the Danville and Western train leaving for Cascade at 1:18 P. M. Pastor.

**Lexington:** Our pulpit was supplied Sunday morning, August 5th by Rev. Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, of Charleston, W. Va., and on August 12th by Dr. J. W. Bradley, of our Sutsien Mission. It is a very striking fact that the large and enterprising church in Charleston, W. Va., should have as two successive pastors two men from this Lexington church, each of them the son of an elder.

A. H.

**Fincastle:** We have just closed a meeting at Gala. We had four professions of faith and several will unite with us by letter. Rev. J. R. Dobyns, president of Stonewall Jackson College, was with us on the 12th, and gave us a most helpful address at 11 A. M. on Christian education. At 8 P. M. he delivered to us his address on Christian stewardship. At 4 P. M. we drove out to Mt. Union, found a large congregation of young people who enjoyed to the fullest his lecture on Christian education. Professor Dobyns lectures in a most forceful manner and presents our cause in a way that is both convicting and convincing. J. M. B.

**Riverside church** at Rockfish in Nelson County has recently enjoyed a blessing of much richness. Preparatory services conducted by the pastor were begun on Thursday, July 26th. On the Tuesday following, Rev. Andrew Allan, of Charlottesville, came and preached until August 8th. The

simple gospel was preached with power; and the people heard the word gladly. On account of the heat most of the services were held out of doors. Twenty persons were received into the church. Three others will come later. One infant was presented for baptism. Two other persons confessed Christ, but have not identified themselves with the church. Still another will unite with another church. Besides those mentioned above, twenty-four others signed cards definitely reconsecrating themselves to the Master. Considering that this is a small church in a country community, the results of this meeting are remarkable. Plans were made for the organization of a Christian Endeavor Society. "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad."

Dupuy Holladay.

**Lexington Presbytery** will meet at Collierstown, Va., September 4th, at 8 P. M. Those going by rail go to Lexington. Wm. C. White, S. C.

**Presbytery of Potomac** will meet at Greenwich church, Nokesville, Va., September 18th next, at 8 P. M.

Wm. H. Woods, S. C.

**Taylor's Mountain:** Cool Spring Presbyterian church, on Taylor's Mountain, has been greatly revived and blessed by a series of meetings held during the last four weeks. Rev. William M. Lorimer, of Pearisburg, Va., conducted the services for ten days, with great success. Preparatory services had been held during the week before his coming, and so great was the interest at the time of his leaving, that the work was continued for ten days longer. About seventy-five persons in all took their stand on the side of Christ. Many of these were church members, beginning anew the Christian life. Of the rest, eleven have already been received into the church, and at least as many more are expected to join at the next opportunity. These results were due, under God, not only to the faithful and earnest preaching of Mr. Lorimer, but also to the splendid personal work done by him and the pastor, Rev. J. G. Reveley, by the officers and members of Cool Spring church, by the teachers in the Sunday-school, by the new converts and especially by Mr. Leslie Patterson, a student for the ministry, who has been working in this field during the summer. There is abundant evidence also that God has been answering the prayers and rewarding the labors of Misses Anderson, Hayes and Sturgeon, the teachers who had charge of the work here during the winter. To Him be all the glory! One striking feature of these meetings has been the large number of persons who would lead in prayer, many of them boys or young men recently converted. These young converts, at the suggestion of one of their members, will be organized into a Society for Christian Work, and thus trained for greater usefulness in the future. We thank all who have helped in the work here, and ask the prayers of our friends for God's continued blessing upon our church and community.

J. A. G.

### APPALACHIA.

**Synod of Appalachia** will meet in the Sinking Spring Presbyterian church, Abingdon, Va., on Tuesday, October 16, 1917, at 7:30 P. M. (Eastern time), 6:30 P. M. (Central time).

Geo. C. Bachman,  
Stated Clerk.

**Abingdon:** A party of seven from this Sunday-school attended the Sunday-school Conference at Montreat, N. C., last week and have returned with new visions and aspirations. The

school is being reorganized and considerable new equipment added. A Teachers' Training Class has recently been organized and its members are enjoying with great interest Section 1 of the new Teacher Training Course. Many new members will be added to the Sunday-school upon the opening of Stonewall Jackson College next month (September 5th). The new pastor, Rev. Wesley Baker, reports that he is enjoying his work in his new field very much. Unusually good congregations are attending the church services. New furnaces are being put into the church and the whole interior of the building is being repainted and decorated.

**Leonard Chapel, Tenn.:** Mr. B. M. Larson, a seminary student, has had charge of the work at this place during the summer. With the help of Rev. S. M. Wolfe, superintendent of Mountain Work, a good meeting was held. Five made profession of faith and one joined the church. Others are expected to do so later. The congregations were large and much interest was awakened. This is a promising field.

**Benton, Tenn.:** Mr. B. M. Larson also has had charge of this point for the summer. In conjunction with the Methodists a meeting was recently held. There were nine professions of faith. Three joined the Presbyterian church and six the Baptist church.

### ARKANSAS.

**Presbytery of Arkansas** will meet in its regular fall session at Devalls Bluff, Ark., on Tuesday, October 16th, at 7:30 P. M.

T. J. Hornet,  
Stated Clerk.

**Wesson:** Rev. John Stanly Thomas, of El Dorado, came to the Pleasant Hill neighborhood near Wesson and conducted services from August 4th through August 9th. Through the kindness of the Methodists their building was used. Mr. Thomas is a highly energetic preacher, who enjoys a wide popularity throughout Union County, and his zeal in personal work and his faithful use of a system of prayer lists and consecration cards resulted in four accessions by profession to the nearest Presbyterian church, Scotland. One young girl also made profession of faith with intention of joining the Methodist church. Twenty-nine church members of various denominations signed reconsecration cards. Some of the Presbyterians, members of Scotland church residing in this section, petitioned Ouachita Presbytery for the organization of a church.

**Ouachita Presbytery** is due to meet in regular session in Columbus, Ark., Tuesday, October 2, at 7:30 P. M.

James W. Marshall, S. C.

### FLORIDA.

**Gainesville, First Church:** This church has recently undertaken the erection of a modern Sunday-school building. It will adjoin the church, though not form a part of the main auditorium. It will contain seventeen class rooms, with a spacious ladies' parlor and kitchenette. It will be two stories high and will house about 600 scholars. This building has been badly needed by the church for many years. This need has been greatly emphasized since the location of the State University in our town. The church has been finding it difficult to handle the situation without this equipment. The contract calls for the completion of the building the first of November. It will cost about \$12,000. The Synod meets with our church this fall, and, by a happy coincidence, it will be a Sunday-school Synod.

### GEORGIA.

**Fairview Church:** Our evangelist, Rev. John Goff, with his singer, Mr. Russell, came to us on the first Sabbath in August. The good tidings were preached and sung with power, and God blessed it in accordance with his promise. Mr. Goff gave a strong sermon on infant baptism. The members associated with Baptists so much that they had become Baptists in belief. However, this sermon opened their eyes, and on Sabbath the pastor baptized thirteen children. I suppose there had not been a child baptized in old Fairview in more than twelve years. It was a beautiful sight, and a precious privilege to see these parents gather in God's house to dedicate their little ones to Him, and to claim the covenant seal for their salvation. One was received on profession and one mother from the Methodist church. Another event never witnessed by Presbyterians in this section before was the gathering of large delegations from the five churches in the county at old Fairview on Tuesday, the 14th, for a Sunday-school Conference. A delegation of ministers and elders came out from Atlanta and discussed these subjects: "How to Superintend the Sunday-school," "How to Prepare and Teach the Lesson," "Why Parents and All Adults Should Attend Sunday-school," "God's Plan of Church Finance," "Should Children Attend Preaching Services," "Their Duties, and Should Elders and Deacons Discharge Them." This program was made brighter by good singing by the choirs of the various churches. An abundant lunch was enjoyed, the people all learned to know each other, and all said it is good to be here.

It was unanimously decided that we should meet in like session again, and I hope made a permanent event.

J. M. Harris.

### KENTUCKY.

**West Lexington Presbytery**, at a called meeting, on his own request, dismissed Rev. W. O. Shewmaker to Ewing Presbytery of the U. S. A. Assembly.

S. M. Logan.

### LOUISIANA.

**Baton Rouge:** The writer just returned from Frierson, La., where he conducted a ten days' meeting, resulting in the baptizing of twenty persons, who made confession of faith in Christ and connected themselves with the Presbyterian church, "Good Hope," of which Rev. Fortune Pierre is pastor. The meeting was a season of refreshing and manifestation of the Spirit's power.

We are also taking steps to build a chapel for our "Lake Shore Mission" work here in Baton Rouge, carried on by the pastor and members of the Westminster church, and aided by the First Presbyterian church of this city.

J. W. Lee.

### MISSISSIPPI.

**Presbytery of Mississippi** will meet in Summit, Miss., Tuesday, October 16, 1917, at 7:30 P. M. Opening sermon by Rev. T. M. Lemly.

S. C. Caldwell, S. C.

### MISSOURI.

**Presbytery of Potosi:** At a special meeting of this Presbytery in Farmington, Mo., August 8, 1917, Rev. Temple B. Anderson was released from the pastoral care of the Kennett church and granted permission to labor out of the bounds of Presbytery until the stated spring meeting of 1918. He resigned as chairman of the Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief and Rev.